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Assistant Commissioner for Patents

Washington, D.C. 20231

Sir:

This preliminary amendment accompanies the referenced patent application. Please amend the referenced application as follows:

In the Specification

Please amend the specification by inserting before the first line the following: [This application is a division of application Serial No. 08/997,918, filed December 24, 1997, which is hereby incorporated by reference.]

On page 25, lines 7-8, please delete "12301 Parklawn Drive, Rockville, MD 20852" and insert therefor -- 10801 University Boulevard, Manassas, VA 20110-2209--.

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